

**TOWN OF ROCKY HILL
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2014**

Present: Chairwoman Nadine Bell, Councilor Guy Drapeau and Councilor Tim Moriarty. Also present were: Barbara Gilbert (Town Manager), John Mehr (Finance Director), Jim Sollmi (Director of Public Works), Mike Sorano (Friar Associates), Ken Biega (O & G Industries, Inc.), Lee Sullivan (O & G Industries, Inc.), Lorel Purcell (O & G Industries, Inc.), Glenn Parent (Highway Supt./Recycling Coordinator), Mike Mancini (Interim Director of Facilities) (Entered at 6:04 p.m.), Various Councilors of R.H., Mayor Henry Vassel (Entered at 6:30 p.m.) and Dave Drury (*Hartford Courant*).

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Nadine Bell called the June 2, 2014 meeting of the Government Operations Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, 761 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill, CT.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES & WORKING NOTES

Councilor Guy Drapeau made a motion to approve the Minutes and Working Notes of the May 5, 2014 meeting of the Government Operations Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilor Tim Moriarty and adopted unanimously.

III. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Chairwoman Nadine Bell asked if there was anyone present from the public who would like to address this Committee. There was no one present from the public who wished to.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update – RHHS Renovate as New Project

- i. Discussion – A Resolution Approving Up to \$5.045 Million Additional Appropriation for the Rocky Hill High School Project, Per Legislation Passed by General Assembly (February Session, 2014)**

Chairwoman Nadine Bell asked if they could get a brief update on the RHHS Renovate as New Project, as well as the Resolution that they would be discussing at the Town Council table this evening. Town Manager Barbara Gilbert said they basically need to pass a Resolution that will go along with the Senate Bill that had been passed. She said that she had a copy of Senate Bill No. 475 and this is Public Act No. 14-9. This will allow the Town of Rocky Hill to spend an additional appropriation of \$5.045 million for the RHHS Renovate as New Project. She said that she placed a phone call to Attorney Joe Fasi in an effort to get a timeline as to how this should be

done. Town Manager Barbara Gilbert said that she asked Attorney Joe Fasi if they should pass this legislation first or if they should pass it after the State has approved the space waiver. Attorney Joe Fasi contacted the State Board of Education and they stated that they will take this Town's application for the space waiver and put it at the bottom if the Town doesn't show the commitment to the funding. Attorney Joe Fasi was strongly recommending the passage of this Resolution at this time.

Chairwoman Nadine Bell asked if there were any comments from the Committee. Councilor Tim Moriarty asked Chairwoman Nadine Bell if she wanted a motion made to have this moved to the Town Council. Chairwoman Nadine Bell said this was just a discussion. Councilor Guy Drapeau said this item was already on the Town Council's meeting agenda.

B. Update – West Hill School Sprinklers

Lee Sullivan told the Committee that she was pleased to give them an update on this. She told them that they knew this has been awarded to G. Donovan Associates. The shop drawings have been completed and they are getting ready to have these sent to Friar Associates for approval. The sprinkler drawings will be approved by the Fire Marshal also. They are proceeding with this work on schedule for this project. Construction will be started in the field as soon as school gets out. This will be on June 18, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

Councilor Guy Drapeau asked if they are planning on being finished with this project before the school year starts. Lee Sullivan said the plan is for them to be substantially completed by August 25, 2014 because the teachers are coming back on August 26, 2014. There might be some punch list items though. Councilor Guy Drapeau asked if there is a contingency in this timeline or if it is all the way out to the end. He said by this that he was asking if they are hoping to have this done by August 20, 2014 but if this Committee is being told that it will be done by August 25, 2014. Lee Sullivan said this will be right to the end and the contingency is built in to work around the teachers as they get ready. School is not starting until September 2, 2014.

Chairwoman Nadine Bell asked Councilor Tim Moriarty if he had any questions. Councilor Tim Moriarty said no.

C. Update – Modular Classrooms – West Hill & Stevens Schools

Lee Sullivan said they are in a similar state for this too. The shop drawings have been prepared and ModSpace was awarded a limited Notice to Proceed. Their contract went out. They are beginning work on the refurbished units that were procured. She doesn't believe that Friar Associates has these shop drawings in hand yet. Those are in transit right now. This project will need a third party review. These will need review by a code official offsite because the main portion of the modular classrooms isn't being built onsite. The plans will be reviewed and the building will be checked before those get shipped here. Everything is on schedule for that and that is tight as well. She thinks they are hoping to be done by August 19, 2014 so that this will allow them until August 26, 2014 to do the punch list items. This will also allow them time for everyone to get set up in the modular classrooms at Stevens School and at West Hill School.

The modular classroom will remain where it is at RHHS and they are procuring four leased units. One of these will be for Stevens School and three will be going to West Hill School.

Councilor Tim Moriarty said they had approved money for these modular classrooms and he asked if there is money for FF&E for desk and chairs, etc. Lee Sullivan said yes. Ken Biega said when he had asked the Board of Education that they had told him that they put this into their budget. Councilor Tim Moriarty said this means that that money will remain in their budget because they can only cut their budget by so much. He said they pulled a quick one. Ken Biega said they didn't carry anything in the project costs for that. Chairwoman Nadine Bell said this is part of the costs that were presented to them as the costs associated with all-day kindergarten (for the FF&E, the materials and for the teachers as well). Councilor Tim Moriarty said this will be a one-time purchase for desks, etc. and the money will stay in that budget. Chairwoman Nadine Bell said the Board of Education budget usually isn't cut that close as far as increase. Councilor Guy Drapeau thinks it is worth a clarification as to where the FF&E is. He questioned if this is buried in one of the Board of Education's CIP line items or if it is in their operation budget. Councilor Tim Moriarty said per State Statute that once money is in there for the Board of Education, only so much can be cut out of it. Chairwoman Nadine Bell said the Board of Education has to be given at least what they were given last year. Councilor Tim Moriarty said right.

Chairwoman Nadine Bell asked the Committee if they had any other comments. Councilor Guy Drapeau asked Lee Sullivan what the milestones are between now and when the children leave school for the end of the school year. Lee Sullivan asked if this was for milestones on the modular classrooms. Councilor Guy Drapeau told Lee Sullivan that he thought she indicated that a third party review has to be done. Lee Sullivan said that is correct. That will take approximately two weeks. She said for them to assume that the shop drawings get to the RHFD tomorrow (for the Fire Marshal). These shop drawings, which are small, have already been pre-reviewed by the Fire Marshal so Lee Sullivan thinks these will be turned around in three days. Those will then be approved enough, outside of some slight modifications that there could be, for these to go to the third party reviewer.

At this point, Ken Biega handed Lee Sullivan her schedule for this that had details on it. Lee Sullivan said they are right on schedule because they had stated that the shop drawings would be finished by June 2, 2014 (today) and she said those were in transit today. The third party review will be done on June 24, 2014. The rebar will be ordered after that time. The foundations for the modular classrooms will be installed the first week of July 2014. Councilor Guy Drapeau told Lee Sullivan that was fine. He referred back to his question. He told Lee Sullivan to let them know now if there are any hurdles that she is worried about between now and when the children leave school for the end of the school year. Lee Sullivan said they aren't worried about hurdles and everything is moving along. She referred to the shop drawings' approval again and the procurement of materials (rebar) that are the longest lead items. She then mentioned how the trailers are there and how the modifications that need to be done inside them have already started to be done in order to have them prepared for this site. Most of the modifications though will be done at the company's yard in Middletown and then the final hook-ups will be done after that. Councilor Guy Drapeau said okay.

Chairwoman Nadine Bell asked the Councilors if they had any other comments and they didn't.

- D. Update – Lavatories – Stevens School**
- E. Update – Griswold School AC Project**
- F. Update – Technology Upgrades at 3 schools**

Chairwoman Nadine Bell said these items would be covered under “New Business” this evening so she thought they could move on to “New Business” at this time.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Possible Action – Award of Bid – Old Main Street Bridge

Jim Sollmi said the bids for this had been opened on May 22, 2014. There were four bidders and he told the Committee that he thought this information was in their packets. The lowest bidder was Arborio Corporation from Cromwell. Their bid was for \$1,363,014. The highest bid was for \$1,628,492. There were also two other bids that were slightly more than Arborio Corporation's. He said they had the consultant review and tabulate Arborio Corporation's bid and their references were checked. The consultant basically indicated that Arborio Corporation has done similar jobs to this one, as well as more complex ones. Arborio Corporation should be able to complete this in time so the consultant recommended that the Town move forward with Arborio Corporation. Jim Sollmi said this is the Town's recommendation as well.

Councilor Tim Moriarty made a motion to approve the Award of Bid to Arborio Corporation for the Replacement of the Old Main Street Bridge over Goff Brook Project (and forward this to the Town Council for its Consent Agenda). The motion was seconded by Councilor Guy Drapeau and adopted unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Rocky Hill Town Council Award of Bid for the replacement of the Old Main Street Bridge over Goff Brook be awarded to Arborio Corporation, 231 Shunpike Road, Cromwell, CT at a bid price of \$1,363,014.00 for the bridge replacement project. The project will be charged to the Road Improvement Referendum Capital Improvement Project Fund.

Report and Recommendation

The Town went to bid for the replacement of the Old Main Street Bridge over Goff Brook. A pre-bid meeting was held on May 14, 2014, with a bid opening on May 22, 2014. Four contractors submitted bids. Arborio Corporation was the low bidder at a price of \$1,363,014.00. BL Companies (BL), the Town's consultant for the bridge project, tabulated and confirmed the bid results. Based upon its review, BL as well as town staff, recommends that Arborio be awarded the contract to replace the Old Main Street Bridge over Goff Brook.

Other Bidders:

Guerra Construction Co., Inc., Oxford, CT = \$1,478,572.00

New England Infrastructure Inc., Hudson, MA = \$1,597,541.00
Hemlock Construction Co., Inc., Torrington, CT = \$1,628,492.80

Jim Sollmi said thank you. Councilor Tim Moriarty said Arborio Corporation is a good outfit.

**B. Discussion and Possible Action – Award of Bid – Air Conditioning for
Griswold Middle School (Special Needs student), Stevens and West Hill
Schools (School Security Server)**

Chairwoman Nadine Bell said this item, as well as the other items listed under “New Business” on this meeting’s agenda, had come in significantly above what had been anticipated in the estimates they got so she thought that they might be looking for a motion to table this until the Board of Education could meet tomorrow to discuss everything. Lee Sullivan asked if she could speak to this, primarily about this item (Item B.). Chairwoman Nadine Bell said yes and she said that she understands that time is an issue. Lee Sullivan said it is because there is a Special Needs Student, who must have air conditioning. She said it seems like this is overbid if the \$60,000 is looked at that is allotted for the work. This has been divided up by schools though and there are two components to be considered. One component is that there were three bids that virtually were together. She said they feel comfortable that the work will cost what they have provided. The second component is that the scope of work is greater than the \$60,000. There is an IT room, in addition to the three rooms that are required to be air conditioned for this student, plus the replacement of an older unit in an IT room that is failing. An electrical panel will also have to be put in because it wasn’t realized that none of the electrical panels in the school were adequate to tie the three units in when the \$60,000 was budgeted for the air conditioners. The value of the work is very competitively priced for Griswold Middle School. Stevens School and West Hill School were added to the scope of the work of the air conditioning project because this will be the same systems, specifications and the same work as it is for Griswold Middle School. Those two air conditioning projects were originally in the security bids. She told the Committee that they would recall when she had been at their meeting last month that there was one bid that had been way over budget. Many bidders also had said that they didn’t want to get air conditioning prices, or they couldn’t get them. She said instead of them struggling to get the security bidders to take this, etc. that they put the air conditioning related to the security into this. They had estimated \$30,000 per school for this. One school came in at \$34,000 and one came in at \$31,000. These were around 10% over the estimated amount and she said that isn’t terrible.

Chairwoman Nadine Bell asked Lee Sullivan what the Committee didn’t understand about the electrical requirements. Lee Sullivan explained that the design had been done by them tying into existing electrical panels. This didn’t come to light until they had done the walkthrough. Chairwoman Nadine Bell said she had this very same conversation about timing with the Chairman of the Facilities Committee of the Board of Education. After that Chairman had conferred with the Chairman of the Board of Education, they had said that they would like an opportunity to be able to meet tomorrow to go through all of the bids and to map this all out with regards to how everything will get paid for and through what funds. Chairwoman Nadine Bell said she spoke to the Councilors from the Government Operations Committee with regards to their availability for a special meeting so that they wouldn’t have to wait another month. She said that they would handle this scheduling under “Other” this evening. Lee Sullivan said they

wanted to start with this project as soon as school got out. They only have a window of opportunity to do this because Stevens School will be filled with students for summer school seeing there is so much work going on at the other schools. West Hill School will be shut down completely so they are expecting two hundred students at Stevens School. They want to do the air conditioning work between when school gets out for the school year and when summer school will be starting on July 7, 2014. It will take approximately two weeks to get the contracts, bonds and insurance lined up. The contractor is going to follow exactly what the specified materials are but he will still need to go through the submittal process with Friar Associates. Lee Sullivan said maybe this can be expedited and this can be done quicker than two weeks. This schedule is tight to begin with so she said they are hoping that the special meeting could come soon.

Councilor Tim Moriarty said he didn't know why they just don't go forward with this. This is their responsibility as a Town Council and it is on their side of the budget. He mentioned that they are giving the Board of Education what they want and he asked if they are now going to "tie the hands" of the Town Council. He said that he doesn't agree with that. He mentioned again that they just move forward with this so that they can get this going and get it done.

Councilor Guy Drapeau said it seems like "their hands are tied" with regards to the timelines. He said that he couldn't speak to the projects because the Board of Education members have been more closely tied to them. This Committee is seeing the end of them and not all of the things in the middle so he said that it is difficult for him to make a comment on this.

Chairwoman Nadine Bell said she agrees that the Board of Education wanted this but the Board of Education had received estimates which didn't include the electrical panel. They got estimates for Item D. (Discussion and Possible Action – Award of Bid – Handicapped Accessible Bathrooms at Stevens School) that were far in excess of what they had anticipated.

Councilor Tim Moriarty said he was just talking about the item with regards to the air conditioning. Chairwoman Nadine Bell said the items are intertwined because there is a finite amount of money that can be spent. Councilor Tim Moriarty said he would put the bathrooms off until next year if they have to. He said the air conditioning for the student and the school security have to get done.

Town Manager Barbara Gilbert asked if she could offer a suggestion and she asked them if they have considered approving this contingent upon the approval by the Board of Education's Facilities Committee and the Board of Education. Chairwoman Nadine Bell asked if there wouldn't be an issue with doing this and then moving it to the Town Council. Town Manager Barbara Gilbert mentioned about a clause being added with regards to how this is all contingent upon being vetted by the Board of Education and that this can't go through unless the Board of Education approves it. Councilor Guy Drapeau asked about if the Board of Education has changes. Town Manager Barbara Gilbert said this will then have to come back and she said that is going to happen anyways. Finance Director John Mehr said that any changes would cause a rebid.

Chairwoman Nadine Bell asked the Councilors if they were satisfied with this. Councilor Tim Moriarty said that he didn't have a problem at all and Councilor Guy Drapeau said this is an option. Councilor Tim Moriarty said the numbers are real because it had been stated that two bids were \$800 apart and the other bid wasn't that far off. Chairwoman Nadine Bell said that she didn't think anyone was questioning that. Councilor Tim Moriarty said they have a situation here and this has to get done. He told them that the Town will be opening itself up to a lawsuit if this isn't ready and it will then cost them a lot more money. Town Manager Barbara Gilbert said that basically they have to put the air conditioning in to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Councilor Guy Drapeau referred to Town Manager Barbara Gilbert's point and he said if this is approved contingent on the Board of Education then they haven't hindered the Board of Education's ability to vet this tomorrow evening. Chairwoman Nadine Bell said that is correct. Councilor Guy Drapeau said if this Committee says no then the Board of Education has to do something and they will have to come back but he said that at least this way, the Board of Education has an opportunity to say yes. Town Manager Barbara Gilbert said her fear is her not being able to get a special Town Council meeting together because the next Town Council's regular meeting isn't going to be held until June 16, 2014 and school gets out on June 18, 2014 so there would not be enough time to get this mobilized. Chairwoman Nadine Bell said she understood.

Chairwoman Nadine Bell asked for a motion.

Councilor Tim Moriarty made a motion to approve the Award of Bid for Air Conditioning for Griswold Middle School (Special Needs student), Stevens and West Hill Schools (School Security Server) contingent upon this being vetted and approved by the Board of Education (and forward this to the Town Council). The motion was seconded by Councilor Guy Drapeau and adopted unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Rocky Hill Town Council award of bid for the Air Conditioning Project at Griswold Middle, Stevens, and West Hill Schools be awarded to Stewart Mechanical Services, Inc., 1495 Thomaston Avenue, Waterbury, CT at a cost of \$148,864.00. The air conditioning project will be charged to the 2013-2014 Capital Improvement Budget – School Improvements – budget line 01-950-000-5720.

Report and Recommendations

Air conditioning for:

Griswold – install for Special Needs student.

West Hill – cooling for the servers relating to the school security upgrades.

Stevens – cooling for the servers relating to the school security upgrades.

Recommend awarding the bid to Stewart Mechanical Services, the low bidder, for all three schools. For Griswold, the Town would like the contractor to start the day after school is out for the summer (around June 18th) in order to be completed before summer school starts in July.

Other Bidders:

Environmental Systems Corp (ESC), West Hartford, CT = \$149,500
Pro Mech Inc., Bloomfield, CT = \$157,451

**C. Discussion and Possible Action – Award of Bid – School Security for
Griswold Middle, Stevens and West Hill Schools**

Lee Sullivan said they got bids on Wednesday. The original spec had been more proprietary so they opened the bid to allow more vendors to participate and the air conditioning was taken out of it. There were four bidders. One of these bidders had misunderstood the bid form so he put all of the add alternates in his base bid. This is why that came to \$1,300,000. She explained that the net services in Collins Electric's bid were fairly close together and they had bid alternate systems. She explained more about that. The low bid was so low that they scoped Collins Electric and CNC Microtech. She said they had done quite a lot in the last two days. They had a scope meeting. They checked their financials (CNC Microtech) and they checked to make sure that their bid bond, as well as their capability of being bonded on the project (the payment and performance bond), is all bona fide. It is. The vendor that does the video surveillance software is from Texas. She referred to the bidder being so low but she said that everything they checked indicates that they have included all of the scope. The Town and the Board of Education like this system very much and it is very user friendly. This company wants business in Connecticut so this is why their bid is so much less than the others. They are going to charge no licensing fee on each camera or on the software. The equipment will be purchased from this company in Texas. The software company also sells the Dell server so they are making the money off of the equipment.

Councilor Guy Drapeau referred to the cameras and he asked if they are proprietary. Lee Sullivan said this company sells thirty-five different kinds of cameras. The camera being proposed exceeds the capabilities. She said that Jahala Grous (IT Director for the Board of Education) had spoken with the Denver Public Schools, of which there are one hundred and fifty-one schools, and they are extremely happy with this system. Councilor Guy Drapeau said his question wasn't about the quality of the camera because he is sure that it is fine but it was with regards to if who is making the cameras could become obsolete ten years from now and he also mentioned about if these cameras break, etc. Lee Sullivan said the company may be obsolete in ten years because this is how IT works but there are a lot of cameras on the market. She said in ten years that they will probably be replacing them with different cameras. There will be a question though about when they are purchasing a camera down the road if they go out to bid but they aren't buying it from this company because then they will be paying a licensing fee at that time if they need to tie into another company's software. She told the Committee to keep in mind though that this bid is almost \$3,000 less than the next bidder so they can put a lot of licensing fees out for that amount of money because those range from \$50 to \$200 per camera.

Councilor Guy Drapeau asked if the software is proprietary though. Lee Sullivan said it is but she said that there are three different proposed software vendors and they all have their own software. Councilor Guy Drapeau asked how long the low bidder has been in business. Lee Sullivan said the company in Texas that provides the video surveillance software has been in business for eleven years. She explained that the company that bid has a group in Albany that has been there for nine years and the group in Connecticut has been there for only three years. She explained that they checked out their financials and they are an A+ rated bonding company. The actual number on the bid bond was checked and she said the Town will be financially covered if they are unable to procure materials or if they go out of business. There could be a slight risk that the schedule would be impacted if someone else had to be brought in to finish the work. She said the risk might be worth it though because of the huge dollar difference. She then mentioned that the video surveillance company is in place in many areas and it has been in place for more than a decade which she said is pretty long in "IT land". She said they would be the ones that the Town would be working with and they are the ones who would be called for tech support. She mentioned that this is called Vision Video Insight. Councilor Guy Drapeau asked how many updates they have added to their software since they have been in existence. Lee Sullivan said they are on Version 5.0. Councilor Guy Drapeau said he was concerned because if they have had twenty versions since their existence or if there is a new version that is going to be coming out then this is telling him that their system has been "pretty buggy" for a while. Lee Sullivan said they could have had a lot of iterations. She also mentioned how the overall company, Noble House Technologies, was in bankruptcy court two years ago.

Councilor Guy Drapeau said he had a question about the cameras. He asked if the cameras will be interchangeable with a different software if they want to bail on the software company at some time in the future. Lee Sullivan said this will depend. Councilor Guy Drapeau said that software companies come and go but it is understandable with regards to the hardware. Lee Sullivan said one of the software companies (Milestone) is much more of an open platform and it can receive more cameras. She then referred to what had been in the specifications originally and said that had been driving the prices up. That could only work with a couple of cameras and it was very proprietary. Councilor Guy Drapeau said okay.

Chairwoman Nadine Bell said that after the scope review on Friday, Finance Director John Mehr had indicated that there are still a few unanswered questions and she said that she knew that Councilor Guy Drapeau has a few. Chairwoman Nadine Bell suggested that they give this a couple of days to totally vet all of the questions they have since this is not critical timing. A special meeting can be called on June 16, 2014 and they can vote on this then. They will hopefully be able to get all of the information wrapped up in two weeks so that they can vote on this at the Town Council meeting on June 16, 2014. Lee Sullivan said thank you and she mentioned that this isn't the same "schedule crunch" as it is for the air conditioners.

Chairwoman Nadine Bell asked for a motion to have this tabled.

Councilor Guy Drapeau made a motion to table the Award of Bid for School Security for Griswold Middle School, Stevens and West Hill Schools. The motion was seconded by Councilor Tim Moriarty and adopted unanimously.

**D. Discussion and Possible Action – Award of Bid – Handicapped Accessible
Bathrooms at Stevens School**

Lee Sullivan said they had four bidders for this. There was only a 10% difference between the low bidder and the high bidder. Noble Construction (low bidder) had a bid of \$228,500 and she said they have worked with them before. They have been scoped out and they will have adequate manpower to do the job. She referred to one of their savings and why they were low. Toilet partitions are very long lead items most of the time so all of the bidders were told to have temporary partitions put in for the opening of school. Noble Construction was able to procure toilet partitions that will be the final partitions and these will be installed in August 2014 if they are to start on this right away. She explained that the “schedule crunch” on this will be different because this isn’t a critical item but she said in order for them to get the work done this summer that they will want to do the demolition work before the children are in school. The demolition work will be extensive. They also will want to do the demolition before the modular classrooms will be set up outside because they want to access the bathroom that is downstairs through a courtyard and they want to remove waste past the location of the modular classroom. They will have conflicts with the demolition if they have the modular classroom set up and if they are trying to do work on it. She told them that there will be scheduled drivers on this as well that will help them consider how to approve this. They will have to relook at whether they will be able to get this done within the summer timeframe but they might have to put this off if they have to wait a month to launch it because they can’t do it then. Chairwoman Nadine Bell asked about if they were to wait two weeks. Lee Sullivan said they only have between June 18, 2014 and July 7, 2014 when summer school starts. There will be negative air and enclosures to keep the dust down but there will be a lot of noise, as well as trucks and dumpsters, so this project should be done when the children aren’t in school. Chairwoman Nadine Bell said she understood that.

Chairwoman Nadine Bell asked Lee Sullivan if she could help them to understand how this was so much over the estimate of \$120,000 that was provided to them originally. Lee Sullivan said the estimate for \$120,000 was really based on historical data. Several ADA upgrades in bathrooms have been done around the district and those ran in the range of \$100,000. Those locations though didn’t require the taking down of walls in order to enlarge the rooms but it was more a matter of making the partitions bigger and rearranging the toilets. The rooms are small at Stevens School and she gave more details about the only way that they can gain space there. Chairwoman Nadine Bell told Lee Sullivan that just like the electrical panel, she thinks they are looking to her to provide this information when they are doing the estimates. Lee Sullivan said the Board of Education was using the line item of \$120,000 before they (O & G Industries, Inc.) were even involved on the project. This was like a placeholder in the budget. She thinks that Friar Associates might have suggested \$120,000 per bathroom but she said that they thought they would see what this was when they went out to bid. She then said this would be \$240,000 and they are under this amount. They have four bids, which are on top of each other, so this is a very clear indicator compared to them having one bid that was high. Chairwoman Nadine Bell said that she understands that these numbers most likely are good ones and she said that isn’t the question.

Councilor Guy Drapeau asked Lee Sullivan when it was exactly that the Board of Education asked them to come and take a look at the bathrooms. Lee Sullivan said they got direction about one month ago and she said that she thought that Ken Biega should speak to this because he has been more involved with it. Ken Biega referred to what Lee Sullivan had said and he said that the budget was established at \$120,000. Ken Biega said they were asked to do an estimate after this \$120,000 was already established and the estimate came in at \$220,000. This tied back to what Mike Sorano had talked about with regards to \$120,000 per bathroom. Ken Biega said they told the Board of Education that even if they come out and say this is \$220,000 or \$240,000 that they committed to \$120,000 so they should bid this out to see what it came in at. He said this is how this all came out. Chairwoman Nadine Bell asked Ken Biega if they got back to the Board of Education with the amount of \$220,000. Ken Biega said the Board of Education was told that they were low and they also had been told that they were low with regards to the modular classrooms.

Councilor Guy Drapeau said that no one was present from the Board of Education this evening to defend themselves so he said they were going to have to table this and see what happens.

Chairwoman Nadine Bell asked for a motion.

Councilor Guy Drapeau made a motion to table the Award of Bid for Handicapped Accessible Bathrooms at Stevens School. The motion was seconded by Councilor Tim Moriarty and adopted unanimously.

VI. OTHER

Chairwoman Nadine Bell entertained a motion for a special meeting to be held by the Government Operations Committee meeting on June 16, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Councilor Tim Moriarty made a motion that the Government Operations Committee has a special meeting on June 16, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilor Guy Drapeau and adopted unanimously.

Finance Director John Mehr asked if the special meeting would just be relating to the two items that had been tabled. Chairwoman Nadine Bell said it would be for those items and she believed that Jim Sollmi had another item. Jim Sollmi said they had just received the proposal for the construction administration for the Old Main Street bridge so he wanted this item on the agenda for the special meeting too so that the Town Council can approve it that night.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Guy Drapeau made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilor Tim Moriarty and adopted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Anne Booth
Recording Secretary